



BIDEN TAKING CREDIT FOR COVID VACCINES

Some things in Washington never change, like President Joe Biden trying to take credit for someone else's work. Despite claiming in late 2020 that, "there's no prospect that there's going to be a vaccine available for the majority of the American people before the middle of next year," the Biden Administration is now trying to claim all the credit for the U.S. vaccine rollout.¹

President Biden and his Administration claim they did not have the vaccine when they came into office and that they were "starting from scratch," but here are the facts:²

- Despite all the criticism and doubts, Operation Warp Speed (OWS) has been a resounding success. The U.S. was able to approve and distribute the vaccines developed by Pfizer and Moderna before the end of 2020.
- The Trump Administration contracted for enough doses to vaccinate 400 million people – more than enough for the entire U.S. population.³ Some of President Biden's recent purchases simply exercised options already written into the Trump Administration's Operation Warp Speed contracts.⁴
- President Biden's "big goal" of vaccinating 100 million people during his first 100 days in office would have required the U.S. to slow down the pace of vaccinations because Operation Warp Speed was already vaccinating people at a higher rate.⁵
- During President Trump's last week in office, which included a federal holiday (MLK day), the U.S. averaged 983,000 doses a day.⁶
- On President Trump's last day in office the U.S. vaccinated 1.6 million people. That exceeded the one million doses per day goal of the Biden Administration by 600,000 doses.
- Even Dr. Anthony Fauci, no friend of the previous Administration, has pushed back against the Biden Administration saying, "We're certainly not starting from scratch."⁷

President Biden and his allies have contributed one thing to the vaccine rollout – doubt. A recent *Wall Street Journal* article highlighted the numerous statements from President Biden and his Democrat allies that undermined public confidence in the vaccine.⁸ President Biden asked in September, "who's going to take the shot...you going to be the first one to say 'put me, sign me up, they now say it's OK...I'm not being facetious.'" ⁹ It should not be surprising then that a new study shows that 47% of Americans are hesitant to get the vaccine.¹⁰ Instead of trying to demonize the previous Administration and take credit for their successes, the Biden Administration and the Democrats should thank them for the achievements of Operation Warp Speed and focus on continuing the great work they started.

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